

AGENDA ITEM # 9

January 12, 2001

**To:** Delta Protection Commission

**From:** Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

**Subject:** Consideration and Possible Agreement to Sign the  
CALFED Permit Clearinghouse Memorandum of Understanding  
(*For Commission Action*)

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The Delta Protection Commission has been asked to sign the Permit Clearinghouse Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The preparation of the MOU is a commitment in the Record of Decision (ROD). The purpose of the clearinghouse is to enhance communication between the regulatory agencies which would result in early delineation of issues and development of appropriate strategies for construction of CALFED projects.

The Clearinghouse will be limited to projects undertaken by a CALFED agency or CALFED-funded projects, however, the enhanced communication and any other "tools" (permit handbook, unified application format) developed as part of the Clearinghouse process would likely enhance the regulatory process for all projects.

The Commission will have no additional responsibilities or duties if it agrees to sign the MOU.

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Patrick N. McCarty, Chairman

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